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POSITION RELATIVE TO THE VEHICLE

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the art listed and identified on the attached Supplemental Form PTO-1449A is being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

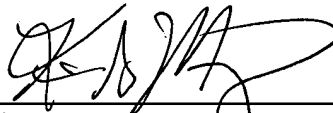
It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these references. The above references are being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or

contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

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